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# Congressman Payne to lead forums at CBC weekend

Dr. Henry Johnson and Mrs. Florio to serve as panelist

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Tenth District Congressman Donald Payne will lead three panel discussions during the 23rd Annual Legislative Weekend sponsored by the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation in Washington, D.C. from September 15th through the September 19th.

All New Jersey residents attending the Congressional Black Caucus weekend are encouraged to attend the forums. The titles of the three forums are "With Literacy and Justice for All," "Strengthening U.S. Commitment Towards Africa," and "Youth Empowerment: Building for the Future."

Payne, who was elected New Jersey's first African American

member of Congress in 1988, serves on three Committees in Congress—Education and Labor, Government Operations, and Foreign Affairs.

Payne's first workshop, "With Literacy and Justice for All," will be held on Thursday, September 16, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Washington Convention Center, 900 9th Street, N.W., and will feature first Lady Lucinda Florio. Other panelists include August Kapper, Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education; Steve Redner, Program Director, Literacy, Language and Communication at the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory in Portland, Oregon; Dr. Mary Cross, Associate Director, Department of Legislation,

American Federal of Teachers, AFL-CIO. The Moderator of the panel will be Victor Westbrook, Acting Chief of Staff at the National Institute of Literacy.

On Friday, September 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Payne will join four other members of Congress in hosting a Braintrust on the topic "Strengthening U.S. Commitment Towards Africa." Joining Payne will be Congressman Lucien Blackwell of Pennsylvania; Congressman Alcee Hastings of Florida; Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney of Georgia; and Congressman Albert Wynn of Maryland.

The Braintrust will feature a keynote address by the Deputy Secretary of State, Dr. Clifford Wharton. Panelists confirmed for the forum include: Vivian Derrick, President, African-American

Institute; Dr. Ronald Waters, Chair, Political Science Department, Howard University; Dr. Sheila Walker, Center for African and American Studies, University of Texas; Assistant Secretary for Inter-American Affairs; Ambassador Gomes, Organization of African Unity; Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, United Nations Development Program; Randall Robinson, Trans Africa; C. Payne Lucas, Affairs; Immani Countess, Washington Office on Africa; and Mel Foote, Constituency for Africa.

In addition, Payne will conduct a Braintrust on Friday, September 17, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., entitled "Youth Empowerment: Building for the Future." Joining him as a co-host will be Congressman Walter Tucker III of

California. Focusing on the positive contributions of African American youth, the forum will be moderated by April Sutton of Screen Scene, which is produced by Black Entertainment Television in Los Angeles.

Panelists will include: Shannon Reeves, Director of the NAACP's West Coast Region, who holds the distinction of being the youngest person to serve in that post; John Bryant, Chairman and CEO of Bryant Group Companies, Inc.; Christopher Williams, founder of Williams Market; Melissa Lynn Bradley, founder and Executive Director of The Entrepreneur Development Institute; Alejandro Boddy, Member of the Howard University Chapter of the Black Nia Force, a grassroots com-

munity action group. Dr. Henry Johnson, owner and publisher of YES Magazine, Minority Business Journal and City News; Mildred Ipki and Vincent Harris, both members of Black Entertainment Television's Teen Summit Possee, Nancy Flake, Director of the Howard University Small Business Development Center has also been invited to attend.

"This year's forums promise to be stimulating and provocative," Payne said. "I look forward to a lively exchange of ideas as we gather together to examine our progress and to evaluate the challenges before us. We are fortunate that so many professionals have agreed to share their expertise with us as we explore critical issues facing African Americans today."

## City of Orange provides affordable housing

ORANGE—The City of Orange Township, has brought new life to Park Street. On Monday, August 16, 1993 Mayor Brown cut the inaugural ribbon on new, affordable two-family homes. Families have begun moving into the homes, located on the corner of Park and Snyder Streets. The new houses replace vacant, garbage-strewn lots that were taken back by the City in tax foreclosure.

"We are very excited about this project, the program gives Orange people the chance they need for housing at a price they can finally afford. The homes will not only improve the areas in which they are built, they will also allow people in Orange the chance to stay in the community," commented Mayor Brown.

The purchasers of the homes qualified for the program according to state income guidelines, and

received the benefit of city land and state grants to lower the sale price of the homes. In this case, deserving young families are achieving their dreams of home ownership.

Franklin and Ruth Casimir, new residents of 135 Park Street, were overjoyed with their new home. "I can't thank the City enough, this home gives us the chance to live in a place where we can provide strong roots for our family," commented Mr. Casimir, pointing to his newborn son, he added, "We know it will grow up in his own house, and that is worth all the money in the world."

The homes consist of two well decorated three bedroom apartments, developer Larry Regan explained. "We know that moderate income buyers spend much or all of their savings to buy the houses, so we like to provide as many extras as possible. We try to make it so our buyers don't need to spend a bundle when they move in."

The Housing Horizons of Orange is part of the City's efforts to provide increased housing opportunities. The City's redevelopment plan has targeted a large number of vacant lots for redevelopment. Regan Development Corporation is building 18 two-family homes on some of the lots.

Mayor Brown stated, "Low cost, high quality housing is fundamental to my administration. I have always fought for housing in the past and I will always fight for it."

The purchasers were excited to begin their new life on Park Street. Mrs. Casimir who works for the Orange School System was pleased to be closer to her job. "I can get to work easier now, and now is easier to care for the baby."

The new affordable housing in Orange provides a welcome indication of how government can function properly.



Mayor Robert Brown of Orange (C) joins new owners, Council president Marlon Silvestri and Eas Ward Councilman Rudolph Thomas (R) in ribbon cutting ceremony for affordable housing. L-R developer Ken Regan at door, Owner Franklin Casimir, wife Ruth Casimir, son Gregory Casimir (L-R) partially hidden, owner Eric Johnson, Larry Regan and Orange Business Administrator Thomas Morrison. Photo by Glen Friesen

## Flattened administration prepares for school re-opening

NEWARK—When public schools in Newark open on Thursday, September 9, 1993, there will be a reorganized administration in place. Earlier this year Executive Superintendent Eugene C. Campbell "flattened" the administration by creating five clusters of schools, which include high schools and the elementary and middle schools that feed into them. The purpose of the reorganization is to increase accountability and services to students.

Mr. Campbell said, "Our number one priority with the reorganization is to improve the instructional program for students. It is our duty to see that students get the best education possible and we will use this plan to do that."

The reorganization creates a direct line from school principals to the Assistant Executive Superintendents, to the Executive Superintendent, making administrators more accountable and encouraging more day-to-day involvement by the Executive Superintendent.

The cluster configuration will place the supervision of all K-8 schools that feed into the secondary schools under the same administrative structure, thereby increasing

accountability and the effectiveness of the educational continuum. This change comes at a crucial time for the district—at the beginning of the first year of the five-year Strategic Plan, which is the foundation that has helped create a strong and viable district which encourages each student to reach his or her fullest potential.

The district has set four objectives by which they intend to operate. By 1994, 75 percent of all 11th-grade students will pass all three sections of the High School Proficiency Test (HSPT). 1994, will see a decrease in the dropout rate by 50 percent as compared to the 1989 rate, and 90 percent of all students will be performing at grade level in reading and math, as measured by a standardized test, when they exit the third grade and by September 1994, the number of initial classifications of special education students will be reduced as compared to the number in 1989.

Already the district has met the fourth objective and is coming close to meeting its goal of increasing the reading and math performance of students in third grade. Mr. Campbell said he's confident all four objectives will be met. "We're all working very

hard. I have no doubt that everyone, our administrators, teachers, parents, as well as the students themselves, will do the job that is required of them."

This year will be the first time the district is administering the HSPT test to 11th-grade students, the test is mandated by the state and students must pass in order to graduate. The test will be administered in mid-October.

In their effort to help the district reach its goals, school principals will have Total Site Administration (TSA). That is, the principal is responsible for everything that happens at the site. The principal is charged with coordinating staff, students, parents and the community to ensure that the district's goals are realized in every student in the district. Principals will evaluate all workers at his/her site (custodians, security officers, cafeteria workers, clerical staff).

This is not a new concept in education, Campbell said, informally we've been practicing TSA for years. "However, now, we've formalized the process, again, making administrators more accountable." Campbell is predicting the 1993-94 school year will be successful, capped by the achievement of the district's objectives and setting the pace for the years to come.

## Newark school board demands Public Record

NEWARK—The Newark Board of Education will file an appeal to the Appellate Division of New Jersey Superior Court seeking a reversal of the decision by the State Board of Education to bar court reporters and an attorney during Comprehensive Compliance Investigation (CCI) interviews. The CCI is another review process the state is conducting as it decides whether to interfere with local management of the Newark public schools.

Raymond A. Brown, special counsel to the Newark Board of Education, also said that the district is seeking an immediate stay of the State Board's decision. That decision affirms a previous ruling by State Education Commissioner Mary Lee Fitzgerald.

Brown said, "We are appealing the State Board's decision because there is a need to ensure that what finds its way into the ultimate recommendations of the state does indeed reflect a factual and accurate view of what was disclosed as a result of the compliance interviews. We are particularly dismayed by this decision in light of the fact that the district had agreed, through a deputy attorney general, to a compromise resolution whereby only a court reporter would

be allowed at the interviews conducted."

Brown indicated that the compromise would have also given the Attorney General's Office control over the transcript records, which would become available to Newark officials only after the CCI inquiry is concluded and a report has been issued.

The Commissioner apparently flatly rejected that compromise and refused to allow the possibility of a public record in this matter," Brown said. "Absent such public record, the findings, can't help but be called into question."

Brown said his fear is that the report generated as a result of the interview process would contain information derived by subjective means and would fail to accurately characterize what was said by those interviewed. He noted there is a history of this not only in reports that have been issued thus far with respect to Newark schools, but also in the findings leading up to a state takeover of the Jersey City schools.

Brown added, "what's more, serious accusations have been raised about the conduct of the personnel within the Newark school system, and the manner in which things reported ultimately could incriminate

individuals unknowingly. In light of the possible ramifications, it is important to have precisely what is available on the public record. A public record provides not only a factual reference through which what was actually said can be uncovered, but it likewise shields the ability of those who will interpret the interview findings to distort, misinterpret or misstate the same with an eye toward achieving a preconceived objective. Every doubt about possible bias in forthcoming findings must be eliminated," Brown said.

"The State Board of education meeting at which this matter was decided was itself recorded for the public record," Brown noted. "That's because it is a forum whereby decisions with far-reaching public consequences are reached. The same applies to how the results of the interview findings will impact upon the children of Newark."

"Objective people know that they set to determine if a state takeover is the best interest of Newark school children. The availability of a public record will, if nothing more, provide a vehicle through which we can look back to ensure that the right decision, not a biased decision, will have been reached. That's the basis for this appeal."

## Farrand named teacher of the year

NEWARK—Brent Farrand, a mathematics and computer teacher, and varsity debate coach at Science High School, has been named Newark's and Essex county's Teacher of the Year.

Farrand, a teacher who says he views "learning as life's great adventure," has taught mathematics and computer classes during his 15-year career. In addition, he initiated a debate program at the school 10 years ago. His debate team has won state and national honors more times than any other team in the history of the school system. He was also selected as the Star Ledger Scholar Teacher (1992 and 1993), Key Coach Society (1992), Barkley Forum, Emory University (1992) and Coach of the Year, University of Massachusetts (1985).

According to superintendent

Campbell, "The Newark school district is very proud of Mr. Farrand's contributions and the impressive influence he has had on the many students he has taught over the years. A gifted instructor, he continues to exemplify the superior teacher that all educators aspire to be."

Several of Farrand's students have gone on to prestigious Ivy League colleges and universities. William Perry, who will attend Princeton University on a free scholarship in the fall, and is the 1993 Science High School valedictorian and one of the Star Ledger's 1993 Scholars for the Greater Newark area, cited Farrand as one of his most influential teachers. "All teachers should use Farrand as a model."

Another student, Maryann Smola, the school's valedictorian for 1992, said a Star Ledger 1992 Scholar said she was well-prepared for her first year at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

because of Farrand.

Farrand said his philosophy of teaching is firmly rooted in allowing students to think independently of the textbooks and his classroom instruction. "My own effectiveness is grounded in my willingness, perhaps need, to listen to others, to hear the success of my teaching by how little the students feel they need me or the textbooks by the end of the year," he said that success for him occurs "...on the day I mess up the presentation of a problem and the class takes over, correcting and teaching." Farrand said he is also pleased when a student or a group of students can interrupt him by saying, "I have a different way of doing that" and will have the confidence to lead a class discussion on their project.

Farrand stated, that "One of the most important educational issues facing public education today is the

task of creating a social tapestry rather than a social fabric." He said we must embrace and sustain diversity and value that makes each individual unique.

He is also credited with starting a special study room which Science High School students can use to explore informational technology on their own time. He was also responsible for writing the grant that resulted in the Apple Computer Company funding the special study room.

Recognized locally and statewide, Farrand was selected to help develop curriculum materials for new state proficiencies in mathematics during the summer of 1991. He was also the recipient of the 1990 National Forensic League Award, the 1988 Governor's Recognition for Excellence in Teaching and the 1986 Rutgers University Coaches' Ethics Award.

## Coping

By Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

The amazing power of suggestion

Why is it that when a person begins to yawn, most people watching will yawn also? Or, when a person begins to scratch himself, most people who observe it begin to itch? Or, as soon as one sits in front of the TV set, he becomes ravenously hungry?

Consider this: If one were to be told that the delicious pudding that he had eaten and enjoyed was actually made of rats' eyes, cow's spit and crushed cockroaches, he would immediately become ill. The illness would be psychological—caused by the mind instilling the pudding which he initially enjoyed when he thought it was vanilla pudding.

These are cases of the most powerful, scientific form of mind control, currently used by the advertising media and other legal brainwashers. It is known as suggestion.

The American Medical Association recently initiated an extensive project aimed at discovering the reason that placebos (sugar pills) when given to a patient, can actually cause a serious illness to disappear. Patients have been cured of ulcers, headaches, colds, severe pain, and other serious illness simply because they thought that they were being given a powerful medicine.

It is now known that the mind causes actual physical changes to occur in the body. If one thinks that a food eaten will make you ill, it is the belief (not the food) that actually makes you ill; that causes a physiological disturbance in the body.

If one thinks that eating a certain food will make a wound heal, the power of belief actually makes it come true. It appears that the thought process activates a healing process within the body. It causes a very real cellular change to occur.

In past years, one was quick to attribute these factors to some sort of mystical occurrence. Recently, however, science has discovered that these occurrences may be attributed to the amazing powers of the human mind—not to some sort of metaphysical consciousness.

A psychiatrist friend, once suggested to a client that the drink that he was serving contained a powerful hypnotic drug which would hypnotize him in exactly seven and a half minutes, the psychiatrist left the patient alone in an outer office and returned in exactly seven and a half minutes to find the patient in a deep hypnotic trance. The drink, which the psychiatrist said contained a powerful hypnotic drug actually contained a half teaspoon of sugar.

A suggestion, then, may cause one to carry out an activity without realizing that he is doing it.

For simplification, one could say that when a friend suggests that he go to the doctor for a check-up, he is giving his opinion. If one goes to see the doctor, as the result of his friend's opinion, he has accepted the suggestion.

A suggestion may be less direct, however. Lightning and thunder instantaneously suggest that it will rain, a fire alarm suggests that the food that is served there is unhealthy, a smile suggests that a person likes you; the appearance of a policeman at the door suggests that someone is in trouble; a groan suggests that someone is hurt; a speeding ambulance suggests that someone is ill; and a college degree suggests that one is well-educated.

Suggestion is profoundly and coldly scientific in application and determines approximately 80 percent of all human behavior. You should make an effort to determine how it affects you so that your decisions will be actually be your decisions, instead of decisions made by someone else for you, without your knowledge!

## Tanqueray teams with boyz from the hood

CHICAGO—As a part of "The Tanqueray Lake-Jam Cruise" held recently in Chicago, Tanqueray presented a \$25,000 check to The Boyz From The Hood Foundation (BFH). The Foundation members are NBA players and Chicago businessmen who have teamed up to reinvest in the community where they received their start.

Cruising Lake Michigan were BFH board members Kendall Gill of the Charlotte Hornets, Nick Anderson of the Orlando Magic, Marcus Liberty of the Denver Nuggets and Tim Hardaway of the Golden State Warriors. NBA Charles Oakley of the New York Knicks, Walter Bond of the Dallas Mavericks, Sam Mack of the San Antonio Spurs and comedian/actor, Flex.

The cruise was a part of BFH's Slam-Jam week, which began with two days of outreach visits by the professional athletes and entertainers and

included corporate fundraising activities for the Foundation. The events of the week benefited six Chicago youth organizations and

charities seeking to end the cycle of inner-city poverty.

The Boyz From The Hood Foundation is a non-profit, com-

munity-based organization created to develop funding for new and existing programs which benefit African-American youth.



Tanqueray's Walter Tucker (third from the right) presented the members of The Boyz From The Hood Foundation (BFH) with a \$25,000 check during the recent "Tanqueray Lake-Jam Cruise" in Chicago. From left to right: Nick Anderson of the Orlando Magic, Calvin Holmes, BFH president, Sam Mack of the San Antonio Spurs, Marcus Liberty of Denver Nuggets and Charles Oakley of New York Knicks.

## Community Calendar

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

PLAINFIELD—The Alma McLeod Foundation is offering an on Site Aftercare Program from 2:30-6:00 p.m. at F.W. Cook, Emerson, Woodland, Jefferson, Clinton, and Stillman schools. For more info call 755-6552.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

NEWARK—The Newark Public Library is having a tribute to their Senior Patrons by presenting a program developed especially to the needs and interests of their senior citizen community. For more info, contact Michelle Lindone at 201-733-7734.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

PLAINFIELD—Senior Citizens Services Program. 8A.M. trip to Englewood Market.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

BROOKLYN NYC—The Brooklyn Historical Society presents Walking tour: From Cobblestones to Office Towers. Discovering Downtown Brooklyn. For more info call 718-624-0990.

### ALLIENDALE—Allendale Community for Mature Living to host a free open house from 1-4 p.m. For more info call 201-786-7788.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

WESTFIELD—Women for Women will start its fall series with discussions on "Coping With Separation/Divorce and building Self Esteem at 7:30 p.m. Location: St. Paul's church 414 East Broad St.

EDISON—JFK Medical Center presents "Chemical Dependency Family Education" a series for individuals and families affected by drug and alcohol

abuse. For further information call 908-634-7910

### SEPTEMBER 14

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Public Library is hosting an LVA Basic Reading Workshop to train tutors to teach reading to adults. This free training starts today and runs through October. All classes are from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and are held in the library. For further information call 908-757-1111.

MADISON—Certificate Program in Human Resource Professional Development. Time will be 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For details, call 201-640-5200.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

SOUTH ORANGE—Seton Hall University Career Day. Services presents "Career Day" in Bayley Hall at the university. 400 South Orange Ave. from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. For further information call 201-761-9955.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

MORRISTOWN—The 4th Morristown Contemporary Craft Show will be held at G. Mennen Arena, 161 E. Hanover Ave. featuring Jewelers, Woodworkers, Glass Blowers, Fine Artists, Photographers, Silk Artists. Weavers and many more from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday also. Admission is \$5. For more info call 201-326-7651.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

WESTFIELD—Rutgers Cooperative Extension provides information on how to use the new nutrition label to help you select healthier foods in the markets. There will be two classes from 1 to 3 p.m. and repeated 7 to 9 p.m. To register, call 908-654-9854.

JAMESBURG—The 12th Annual American Cancer Society New Jersey Division State Golf Tournament will be held at Forsgate Country Club. For more info call 1-800-ACSS-2345.

WESTFIELD—Rutgers Cooperative Extension will be having a Vegetarian Diet class at the YMCA in Westfield from 7 to 9 p.m. To register call 908-233-2700.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

EAST ORANGE—The East Orange New Jersey Veterans Affairs Medical Center and the American Cancer Society are offering an "I Can Cope" Education seminar on how to cope with cancer. The seminar is free and will be held at 1:00 p.m. For further information call 201-676-1000.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

NEWARK—The International Black Women's Congress presents a conference on "Black Women and Health: Towards A Wholistic Agenda" at the Radisson Hotel. Key note speaker will be Dr. Jewel Poekman, MD, PhD, the conference will feature workshops, networking, health screening, massage therapist, health displays and exercise classes. The day starts with registration at 8:00 a.m. and ends with a reception and networking at 8:00 p.m. For more information call 201-826-3570.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

NEWARK—The International Black Women's Congress presents a conference on "Black Women and Health: Towards A Wholistic Agenda" at the Radisson Hotel. Key note speaker will be Dr. Jewel Poekman, MD, PhD, the conference will feature workshops, networking, health screening, massage therapist, health displays and exercise classes. The day starts with registration at 8:00 a.m. and ends with a conference wrap-up at 5:30 p.m. For more information call 201-826-3570.

### THRU OCTOBER 31

NEWARK—The Newark Museum presents their Family Feature, "The Weather Machine" For ages 5 and up come and investigate common weather and climatic changes in the Solar System. For times and info, call 201-596-6550.

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# National News at a glance

By Robert N. Taylor

**Blacks at bottom of major standardized test:** Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores were released recently and once again they showed black students scoring at the bottom. However, while the 1993 scores remained disappointing for African Americans, a more detailed analysis shows blacks making the most impressive gains since these College Board started keeping scores on an ethnic basis in 1976.

The S.A.T. is widely considered to be the nation's most significant standardized test, as it is frequently used to determine admission to college and gauge academic achievement.

Asian Americans scored highest on the two-part (verbal and math) test averaging 950 points. White students placed second with 938 points. They were followed by Indians, Mexican Americans, and Puerto Ricans. Black students placed last with 741 points. But, blacks have gained 34 points since 1976, more than any other ethnic group.—WASHINGTON, DC

**Black marine takes center stage in "tailhook" case:** Capt. Gregory Bonam, a light-skinned black man with blue eyes, took center stage in August as the military prepared forward for a court-martial investigation into the infamous Tailhook scandal.

"Tailhook" refers to the 1991 Las Vegas convention, during which Navy and Marine flyers allegedly forced military women to walk a gauntlet resulting in their buttocks and breasts being grabbed and they were forcibly undressed, by the men.

Lt. Paula Coughlin, who broke the scandal, later last month specifically named Bonam as one of the men who molested her. The case has become a cause célèbre for feminists complaining about the treatment of women in the military. But, Coughlin and the military panel were not involved in the scandal and says it is a case of mistaken identity.

During the hearing Coughlin identified Bonam as a light-skinned black or Hispanic whose most prominent feature was his "light eyes." Bonam is the son of a man who flew with the legendary Tuskegee Army—a black fighter crew—during World War II. He faces court martial if the panel determines there is sufficient evidence against him.—QUANTICO, VA

**Gary Graham Has At Least Three More Weeks To Live:** A Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ruling has given Gary Graham at least three more weeks to live before the state again tries to execute him. Graham is the black inmate whose case has drawn national attention because of strong evidence that he did not commit the 1981 murder of which he was convicted.

The NAACP and several Hollywood stars have come to Graham's aid. Graham was 17 at the time of the crime. At least five people have testified he was not the person who did the shooting and six others have sworn he was with them at a party. But, Texas courts have refused to hear new evidence because it was not presented within the 30 day period allowed by state law. The reprieve in August was Graham's third. Graham said he is confident his conviction will be reversed.—DALLAS, TX

**Publisher Robert C. Maynard Remembered:** Memorial service was held in a number of cities recently in honor of Robert C. Maynard—the first black person to own a major daily newspaper. Maynard, 56, died of prostate cancer on August 17 at his home in Oakland. Maynard began his journalism career as a Brooklyn, New York high school drop-out. He went on to work for several newspapers, including the Washington Post. He bought the Oakland Tribune in 1983, and sold it last year shortly after he learned about his cancer.—OAKLAND, CA

**Home-based business guide compiled for blacks:** A 3-page guide detailing how blacks can generate additional income for themselves through home-based businesses has been compiled by a Washington, D.C.-based, non-profit, self-help group. "This guide is the most extensive we have ever pulled together," says Better Life Club Executive Director James Nathan. The home-based business opportunities range from owning 900 numbers to credit repair operations. The guide is free by writing the Better Life Club, P.O. Box 29422, Washington, D.C. 20018. Interested persons are asked to include \$3.00 to cover handling and shipping costs.—WASHINGTON, DC

**Chants of "kill her" lead to death of crack user:** Stacey Camille Lee, 19, is accused in the stabbing death of Dione Wells. The incident, which occurred in a predominantly black section of Oakland, California, drew national attention recently because Lee was encouraged by a crowd shouting "Kill her Kill her" as she allegedly stabbed Wells to death. Lee and Wells reportedly fought after Lee confronted her about smoking crack in the hallway of Lee's apartment building. A crowd of teenagers gathered and reportedly shouted their approval as Wells was stabbed to death. Lee has justified her actions by claiming she was "fed up" with drug use in her neighborhood.—OAKLAND, CA

NEWARK—Labor Day isn't just another long weekend or trip to the beach, holidays just don't happen, they are established to commemorate a great event, to honor individuals, and to keep memories and passions alive. Labor Day honors the workers of America, and Organized Labor for improving living conditions of all workers.

The art, history, and culture of the Labor Movement in Essex County and New Jersey will be celebrated at "Celebration Of Labor," an interfaith Labor Day observance, on Friday evening, September 10th. The program, to be held at St. James AME Church, Newark, will include music and singing, art exhibits, and a presentation on the impact of the labor movement in the area.

Sponsored by the Essex-West Hudson Labor Council, AFL-CIO, the event will begin with a march at 5:30 p.m., from the Hall of Records Newark and proceed down Martin Luther King Boulevard, a band will lead a parade of union members and supporters marching proudly behind the banners of their locals.

According to Thomas P. Giblin, president of TUOE Local 68 and co-chairman of the event, "We feel that many people have forgotten the meaning of Labor Day. We want to

be sure that our young people are aware of the historical struggles of working people that have made our lives better today. This country is facing crisis in housing, employment opportunities, and health care—all traditional issues

"Celebration of Labor should be a must activity for any trade unionist in the Essex-West Hudson area," stated Frank Darcy, president, Essex-West Hudson Labor Council, AFL-CIO, "Organized labor must remember that together we stand and divided we fall."

The 1993 Celebration of Labor March will be led by the Newark Teachers Union Local 481, AFT, AFL-CIO and Grand Marshal, Carole Graves, 25 year president. "Every union member in New Jersey should make every effort to attend the 1993 Celebration of Labor. The over-all success of this program will be a reflection of all trade unionists in Essex County," stated Robert J. Cawley, executive director, United Labor Agency, "every resident of New Jersey is invited to be a part of the celebration." All are welcome and encouraged to support the march and celebration. A reception will follow the service. For more information, call (201) 623-7878.

NEWARK—The International Black Women's Congress, and the New Jersey State Office of Minority Health are sponsoring the first statewide conference on black women's health. The conference takes place September 23-24, 1993, at the Radisson Hotel in Newark. The theme for this conference is "Black Women and Health: Towards a Wholistic Agenda."

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The rulings, by Superior Court Judge John Levy, call for the state Supreme Court to come up with a school aid formula which will guarantee the quality of education spending required by an earlier decision of the state Supreme Court, and declare the Quality Education Act of 1990 unconstitutional.

Legal Counsel Marvin Comick said, "The district feels the decision affirms the position we've maintained throughout this protracted litigation. We now hope that the proper parties will act swiftly to fashion an appropriate remedy to redress these long-standing inequities."

Newark school officials support the efforts of the Education Law Center and attorney Marilyn Morheuser. Mr. Comick said, "Ms. Morheuser has taken a very courageous stand on behalf of the students in Newark and the other urban districts in the state. We applaud and appreciate her work."

It's too soon to determine how the ruling will effect funding in Newark.

# celebration of labor



Shown Standing (L-R): Patricia Burroughs, Newark Teachers Union, Local 481; James Fiemster, U.F.C.W. Local 1282; Frank Darcy, President, Essex-West Hudson Labor Council, AFL-CIO; Thomas H. Kanner, Executive Secretary/Treasurer, Essex West Hudson Labor Council, AFL-CIO; Clarence Jackson; Lottie Coles, of U.F.C.W. Local 1282.

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## EDITORIAL

## Observing National Health Month

President Clinton is right in identifying health care as a priority in this country.

During this month, which has been declared national health month, we should take the opportunity to focus on our health needs in the areas of treatment, prevention and wellness.

African-Americans especially should focus on health since we have been afflicted the most with today's more prevalent diseases of hypertension, AIDS, cancer, chronic heart disease, diabetes, etc.

We should make a more conscious effort to begin to evaluate our health and take action to improve it. Concurrently, we should begin a movement for wellness living. Given the high incidence of disease and death in our communities, we must begin to look at every aspect that contributes to ill health and contributes to the lack of wellness.

Most importantly, we must make sure children are not only aware of the various diseases that plague the black community, but they must be taught to live healthy, concentrating on good nutrition, and exercise and keeping their bodies in shape. We encourage teachers, parents, community and religious leaders to increase their attention to health and wellness in our communities.

## Our endangered species

by Larry Lockhart

Young men of color—particularly, African-American and Latino men in their teens and early twenties—are becoming an endangered species.

These young men are far more likely than any other racial or sexual group to die a violent death at an early age, become infected with AIDS, abuse alcohol and drugs, go to prison, drop out of school, or have no job.

We are losing a generation, and society cannot afford it. If we are to save this generation, we have to act forcefully and decisively. We have to act now.

These young men need better education and jobs, they need mentors and consistent, positive role models—not sports figures or celebrities. They need hope and they need opportunity within their community, from their community.

For the past two years, a growing group of people from government, schools, law enforcement, neighborhoods, the church, social service agencies and many others have been taking major positive steps to empower our young men.

In December 1991, the state launched an initiative focusing on the health, economic, social and educational needs of minority males with a two-day conference in Atlantic City. Its goals were focused on empowerment, unity, mentoring and knowledge.

The event was a remarkable gathering of over 1,000 men and women—high school students, public officials, educators, clergy, business leaders, and law enforcement officers—from all over the state. It was a forum on the issues pertaining to the state's minority men, and it was a team effort.

As a result of that conference, the department initiated the first minority males community challenge

grant program in 1992. The one-year grants, ranging from \$5,000 to \$20,000, were awarded to not-for-profit agencies, to initiate community-based programs to help minority males improve educational attainment, prevent school drop outs and incarceration, promote family unity, enter the workforce, and improve health conditions.

The 20 grants funded programs to recruit and train young African-American and Latino men in Jersey City to work as home health aides; recreational activities and mentoring experiences for young African-American youth in Mount Hope; mentoring, recreation, and training in social responsibility, health and family values in group sessions involving African-American adolescents and adults in Burlington County; and counseling, leadership development and career planning for teenage Latino youth in Newark. The total amount awarded was more than \$200,000.

This Spring, three regional conferences were held exclusively for the benefit of young men of color, from the thirty "special needs" school districts. These young men from high schools and youth programs all over the state talked about their problems and shared their solutions, while we listened. They are now helping us shape our second conference to be held Oct. 12-14, in Atlantic City.

On the second day of the conference will be devoted entirely to listening and interacting with up to 450 young men and women of color about economic empowerment and community coalition building.

Could we be a long way from solving all of the problems which confront men of color in our society which weaken them and weaken us. New Jersey has taken some small steps in the last two years, and we must continue to do so, we can't afford not to, we can't afford to lose a generation.

Larry Lockhart is the Associate Commissioner for the New Jersey Department of Human Services.

by Connie Woodruff

Marie Villani's retirement from the Newark City Council is not official. The 20-year council veteran has only announced her intention to step down sometime before the end of this year. But no matter. It's been quite a time and at least one candidate's making it perfectly clear he wants to be her successor, no matter what.

Last week "friends and colleagues" of Newark Deputy Mayor Luis Quintana, took a tour of City Hall and held a press conference outside Mayor Sharpe James' office to announce their support of Quintana as interim Councilman-at-large. Villani's term expires June 30, 1994.

Mrs. Villani, is not being forced out of office, her resignation is advised by her physician and obviously the profession of her death, that could occur because of the stress and strain of public service in a trouble-plagued city like Newark.

When she was in good health, the now frail Councilwoman gave the City Council job her best shot. She was often the voice of reason when the council got raucous (as it has on occasion). We think she should be permitted to make her exit quietly and with the dignity she has always shown, no matter how aggravated and frustrated she may have been. Mrs. Villani put an end to City Hall's favorite guessing game, when she called a press conference to announce her intention to step down. And she set a timetable for the official act. In doing so, she showed a lot of class. Those who hope to succeed her should show the same degree of class and



by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

As school opens for the new school year, many districts are faced with numerous problems and crises that will need immediate attention. In New York, the opening of school has been delayed for three weeks because of the asbestos crisis, and it is estimated that there will be several schools which won't open for months, based on the massive amount of clean up that is needed.

In New Jersey, the disparity in school funding has left the state's poorest districts still trailing way behind the richest districts, in spite of the Supreme Court mandate to close the gap, outlined in the Quality Education Act (QEAA). A recent ruling by Superior Court Judge Paul Levitz called a need for more judicial intervention in order to deal with the wide gap which exists between those school districts in which the tax base is insufficient to support quality education, as we so often see in some of the poorer urban and rural districts.

Student achievement in these poorer districts lag far behind those of students found in wealthier dis-

tricts.

The City Council will need a majority of five votes, no matter who they choose, to fill the anticipated vacancy. Under Newark's form of government, a tie vote must be broken by Mayor James, or the eight remaining council members can opt to leave the seat vacant until next May when all the seats, including the Mayor's, are up for grabs. Presently, the two front-runners are Quintana and Mildred Crump, a favorite to keep at least one woman as a council member. Meantime, there's no doubt Quintana has been working, and working hard, to get the seat now rather than take his chances in a heated campaign next year.

The press conference and rally at City Hall (which he did not participate in) was peppered with Hispanic political biggies from around the state and county. Problems, many of those present don't live in Newark, their support may be welcomed and appreciated, but their votes would be more important.

Among those gathered to sing the praises of the deputy mayor were Rep. Robert Menendez (D-13th Dist.), Perth Amboy Mayor Joseph Vas, members of the Policemen's Benevolent Ass. Local 3 of Newark, and the Hispanic Law Enforcement Society of Essex County. The latter two organizations have endorsed Mr. Quintana.

Essex County Executive, Thomas D'Alesio is among county officials who endorse Quintana, hailing him as the "soon-to-be newest member" of the City Council.

Support for him was also voiced by Essex County Sheriff Armando Fontoura who allegedly said that ap-

pointing Quintana to the Council is the only "fair" thing to do, Jersey City Councilman Jaime Vazquez was also among the supporters, as were Newark East and North Ward Councilmen Hank Martinez and Anthony Carrino. It had been rumored that if Villani ran for re-election next year, Quintana would be urged to challenge Tony Carrino for his North Ward seat. If they both get lucky this could lay an unnecessary annoyance for Carrino to resist.

Despite the steady flow of gossip, Charles Bell of Newark Board of Education says it's "premature" to view him as a possible candidate for Central Ward (Newark) Councilman.

You know well Newark Board of Education was ready to pull out all the stops on a state takeover of the school system, when they were represented in court by The Fox (my favorite description of Raymond Brown, Sr.) The Fox came through, as we would expect him to do, by reaching into his bag of legal knowledge to gain lots of time for the Newark board to stave off the state education departments eager beaver.

People have forgotten Ray Brown is more than a criminal lawyer, almost guaranteed to get you off (he's that brilliant). Years ago, he made his first reputation as a civil rights lawyer, heavily involved in the school law, a fact somebody connected with the Newark board has remembered, apparently better late than never.

If nothing else, Ray Brown will focus attention on the matter of the Newark Board of Education vs. the State Department of Education and you can bet other lawyers engaged in

this practice of law will be watching the master's every move and maneuver as this case goes down to the wire.

I like people who think big and I'm particularly proud of old friends who strike it rich in the competitive world of business. That's why I can't praise Ed Holder's latest accomplishment enough, nor can I fail to recognize Gus Heinsburg's role in working with Ed to organize the Newark Airport Business Men's Council (NABMC) 'way back in 1974 when Ed Holder, Jim Felton (Edon Enterprises), Alvin Beasley, D.A.D. Inc., Bill Lassiter, Aaron Stamper, Joe Bergen, Bergen Bus., Bob Crews, Benjamin Book Co., and John Burton, Unique Airport Services, Inc., all dreamed of operating successful businesses in the terminals of Newark International Airport.

Operating as the Inn Boutique at the old North Terminal of the Airport, Holder had visions of running a duty free shop at one of the bigger terminals. On July 29 of this year, he announced the formation of the American Duty Free Limited Partnership and held the grand opening of not one, but two permanent Duty Free shops at terminals A&B, of Newark International Airport.

There's a real Horatio Alger story here that deserves a more prominent place than this column. Our advice is to keep watching the pages of City News and for Minority Business Journal for the real human interest story behind Ed Holder. L. Holder, his associate at Rosenberg and the state-of-the-art Duty Free shops at Newark Airport terminals A&B.

## Our children's education: at stake

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The mismanagement of the school systems by school officials and local Board of Education have given these critics good ammunition to use, if careful review of many decisions being made by these governing bodies are examined. This is unfortunate, because the children are unfairly punished, penalized and denied the services that they sorely need, due to actions of the public officials on these governing bodies, who are supposed to be their advocates and champions.

A good example to use of faulty leadership is the Plainfield Board of Education. Massive amounts of money which should be used on providing

more services to the students, is currently being spent on paying for the lawyers' fees of board members and the superintendent in a series of lawsuits. At a recent meeting, the board was literally forced to reveal that it had already been billed for just one of the four attorneys involved in the current lawsuit going on between the Board and the Supervisor of Personnel. At a recent meeting, the board was literally forced to reveal that it had already been billed for just one of the four attorneys involved in the current lawsuit going on between the Board and the Supervisor of Personnel. At a recent meeting, the board was literally forced to reveal that it had already been billed for just one of the four attorneys involved in the current lawsuit going on between the Board and the Supervisor of Personnel.

When members of the public expressed their shock and dismay, the board's attorney stated that while the other attorneys are billing at a cost of \$125.00 per hour, he would only be billing at \$105.00 per hour. I guess he thought this would make the taxpayers feel better—it didn't!

In a further insult to the children and taxpayers of Plainfield, the Board of Education approved an \$85,000 personnel director's position over the strenuous objections of the citizens. The current Supervisor of Personnel has been told to stay home, even though the taxable work, and is still being paid her \$80,000 a year salary. So now, the taxpayers will be paying for two

positions which serve the same function, along with the four lawyers

resulting from this action that has produced a lawsuit, in addition to the board's attorney fees. It should be noted that three board members opted to vote for this insanity, and they were: Belafout, Womack, Jerome Kirkland and Veronica Taylor.

When you have examples such as this to use clearly showing how money is being wasted on foolishness and personal vendettas, with the expectations that the taxpayers will pay for this nonsense, is it any wonder that the children in school districts such as this are suffering?

The misguided actions of those in the leadership positions of these governing bodies, help to take the focus off of the critical and real issues which we face in dealing with the educational crisis. Urban school districts will need to rid themselves of some of the fools and cowards residing in these positions at the policy, administrative and teaching levels before they can focus on the educational issues which directly impact our children.

So, while school bells ring on opening day, it will unfortunately, signify just another round in the ongoing fight to properly educate our children.

## Wake up!

The National Medical Association (NMA), which represents more than 17,000 African American physicians and is in its 98th year, has a special message for the African American community on President Bill Clinton's pending Health Care Reform Legislative Package.

Black America, wake up! According to the National Medical Association, our health and survival are at stake. There are millions of African Americans without health insurance. There are millions of others, including seniors, with inadequate health coverage. And, for millions of other underserved African Americans, health services are woefully inadequate.

In the words of NMA, "Health care is not a privilege reserved for the wealthy but rather a right to which everyone is entitled. We must be ready to act, to work individually and collectively to make decisions that will foster disease prevention, health promotion and equity in the administration of health care."

In this connection, NMA is issuing an "action alert" to all African

American leadership to review the contents of the President's Health Care Reform proposal and then compare it with a Black Health Care Reform Agenda being developed by NMA and a coalition of African American organizations.

With African Americans dying 10 to 15 years younger than our White counterparts, with Black infant mortality disproportionately high, the issue of health care reform is critical to our survival. African American leaders cannot afford to wait until the President has proposed health reform legislation and then react. We must be proactive.

We need to be a part of the review process now and mobilize our support for those segments of the President's health care reform report that we support and oppose those elements which might be to our detriment. If it need be, we can create our own health plan as an alternative, and push for its adoption. This is the American democratic process and we now need to act aggressively as equal partners in this process.

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# YOUTH/EDUCATION/SUCCESS

## Back to school tips for parents and guardians

Valuable information to make your child's school year a more happy and productive one

### KIDS Kalender

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

**PLAINFIELD**—Plainfield Public Library presents storytime, at 11:30 a.m. "O the shoe fits, wear it!" For further information call 908-777-1111

SATURDAY & SUNDAY SEPT. 11/12

**NEWARK**—The Newark Museum presents a children's feature, "The Magic Sky" at 1:00 & 3:00 p.m. and "The Weather Machine" at 2:00 & 4:00 p.m. Children will be introduced to the seasons of the Sun, The Moon and the stars and experience the happenings of hurricanes, tornadoes and lightning on other planets. Appropriate for ages four to seven and eight and up. For further information call 996-6636

**NEW YORK**—Weekend Sand Painting Workshops at the Children's Museum of the Arts in SoHo. Starting every 1st between 12 and 5 p.m. For more info, call 212-941-9198

**NEW YORK**—This weekend there will be a celebration of fall and the North American species at the Queens center. See new species in this part of the world ready themselves for the change of season. For more info, call 718-271-7771

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

**NEWARK**—The Newark Museum presents a children's feature, "The Weather Machine" at 1:00 p.m. Children experience the happenings of hurricanes, tornadoes and lightning on other planets. Appropriate for ages four to seven and eight and up. For further information call 996-6636

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 & 19

**NEW YORK**—Weekend Sand Sculpture Workshops at the Children's Museum of the Arts in SoHo. Starting every hour between 12 and 5 p.m. For more info, call 212-941-9198

**NEW YORK**—Elephant Weekend. Come join the fun and celebrate the world's largest land mammal at the Bronx Zoological Wildlife Conservation Park, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more info, call 718-367-1010

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 & 26

**NEW YORK**—Weekend Drawing Workshops at the Children's Museum of the Arts in SoHo. Starting every hour between 12 and 5 p.m. For more info, call 212-941-9198

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

**NEW YORK**—Battery Park City Parks will sponsor "The Poets of New York," including a special visit by Edgar Allan Poe, at 7 p.m. For more info, call 267-9700

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

**NEWARK**—The Newark Museum Children's Feature will be Magic Sky in the Dreyfus Planetarium. Experience day time in night. For ages 7 to 12 and Sun's at 1 and 3 p.m. For more info, call 201-996-6611

### Newark schools offer breakfast and lunch

**NEWARK**—The Newark school district advises parents that free or low cost breakfast, lunch and/or milk programs are available to all children enrolled in the Newark public schools. The breakfast program is free to all students and is served each day between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m.

Free or reduced cost lunch and milk programs are available to Newark students on the basis of household size and income. Parents who wish their children to receive free or reduced lunch should complete application forms available at each school.

Under the Child Nutrition Program, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, or color, national origin, age or handicap. All information provided to determine eligibility will be kept confidential. The food service program is offered as part of the National School Lunch, Breakfast and Milk program. For more information contact the Newark Board of Education, Division of Cafeteria Services, at 733-7172.

**Have a safe and productive school year, from the staff and crew of City News Publishing Co.**

### Dear Parents/Guardians:

Here we are, at the start of a new school year, and we anticipate a better year for our Districts, specifically, for our youth. We recognize the need to continually improve our programs and services, not only because we are mandated by the state, but because we know that our children deserve the very best. The delivery of effective programs and services is therefore our focus now and into the future.

As we begin this year, we will also need to broaden our cooperative efforts with the parents and members of the community. The greatest support any child could receive is as he or she attends school, at which comes from the parent or guardian. It could go a long way towards guaranteeing successful performance outcomes.

In light of the above, we are providing the following collection of tips that parents could consider for the start of the school year and year-round to maximize your child's potential:

### Tips For The Start Of The School Year:

**Make Certain Your Child Gets Enough Sleep And Is On Time For School:** It is a good idea to start the good habit for the hour to go to bed and to arise and enforce them year round.

**Get A Good Alarm Clock Or Bell—One That Does Not Break:** Your child must be on time to school, every day. A good alarm clock or

any wake-up system would be a good start.

**Make A Pledge With Your Child That You Both Will Be Responsible For High Achievement:** This will be a positive step for your child and will be a tremendous help for the teacher, throughout the year.

**Expect to receive school opening information from your child's school:** During the first week, many forms, listings of activities and services as well as school/district handbooks are distributed. The information generally contains important dates.

**Complete important and emergency forms:** The list of forms varies. However, included are requests to complete school lunch/ breakfast forms, contact person forms, and special survey forms.

**Keep name and phone number of your child's school and principal handy:** You never know when you may need to call.

**Obtain names of your child's teachers, counselor, school nurse and librarian:** Keep names available so you are aware of those directly involved in your child's schooling.

**Find out when dates and times have been set for parent conferences for the first marking/performance period:** Plan to attend.

**Keep a posting of all important dates handy for school-related matters:** There will be forums, public hearings, and student activities to attend.

**Watch your child educational channel for school information:** The daily announcements will keep you

posted of the many school programs and activities—stay tuned!

**Have a voice and join your local school-based Planning Committee:** The State requires that each district school involve parents on the committee.

**Be willing to participate as a member of your local PTA/PTO:** The parent/teacher organizations are expanded to all of the District's schools this year.

**Be always interested in your child's activities:** While a full-time job generally takes most of your energy, it is so important to be your child's "upbeat" fan, at all times.

**Tip for the entire year:**

**Hold high expectations for your child:** Regularly express your desire to see high levels of achievement and performance.

**Be consistent with praise and criticism:** If your child does something right, say so. If your child does something wrong, provide immediate constructive criticism.

**Be aware of your child's activities:** Know exactly what school activities and events your child will be a part of and tell your child to keep you informed of changes.

**Create a "homework location" in your home for your child, if possible:** The space could be the child's room. If that does not exist, a corner of a room that is

well-lighted, supplied with paper, pencils and a dictionary. If you own a computer—that is a plus. By any means possible, keep the location quiet while your child studies.

**Turn down the radio and turn off the TV:** Do this particularly when your child is studying. Whenever possible, watch TV while your child watches in order to provide guided instruction.

**Attend the special meetings and conferences:** All year, that's it!

**Join a neighborhood "watch for the safety of children":** You and your presence could be an asset to this effort.

**Review the textbooks and other materials your child brings from school:** Remain on top of what it is your child is learning so that you can give support.

**Ask your child, daily, "what did you learn today in school?":** Hold a discussion about the material and ask questions to reinforce what was learned.

**Remain in touch with your child's teachers, on a regular basis:** You need to know what is going on at all times.

**Encourage your child to use the local library to increase awareness of many subjects:** Go with your child, on occasion, to the library.

**Encourage your place of worship to give support to the local school in the area:** Maybe the place of worship will adopt the school.

**Encourage other parents to help you to form a children's homework support group:** This may help in the event tutors are needed. Talk to others in your neighborhood or housing project.

**Ask your employer to assist you in**

supporting the district by allowing you to schedule time to attend parent/teacher conferences: Let the employer know you are working to improve the performance of the future workers of America.

**Monitor your child's total performance:** All year, i.e., attendance, academic work, school activities. Students tend to do what parents/guardians expect. Lay the ground rules early enough in the year to make a difference.

**Say something positive about the schools every once in a while:** Your attitude has a tremendous influence on what others think, particularly, your child.

**Seek community outreach programs in your area:** Such programs offer your child support and can greatly enhance his/her performance in school.

The above-indicated tips have been provided to assist you in working with your children. If the schools and the District are to improve the level of effectiveness of the programs and services, they will need the help of parents and guardians. Parents have to be actively involved in the education of their children to bring about a meaningful change in performance outcomes. As the same time, we, as educators, must meet the challenge of facilitating improvement of these outcomes and to do it in cooperation with the parents. Children should also follow these tips and take some of the responsibilities of making their school year enjoyable and productive.

Have a good Year!

Bernice P. Venable,  
Ed.D. Superintendent  
Trenton Public Schools

## Newark advises parents on school opening

**NEWARK**—The Newark Board of Education reminds parents and students that all Newark public schools will open Thursday, September 9, 1993. Classes for high school students will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m., while elementary school classes begin at 8:45 a.m.

Students who are entering the Newark school system for the first time or are transferring from one school to another, must register at the school before attending class. To register a child, parents must show proof of residency (a current utility bill may be used) and child's immunization records and birth certificate. Transferring students must also provide transfer records from previous school. A child entering school for the first time must be five years old on or before December 31, 1993.

Immunization records must include specific dates and locations

for measles vaccination. A physician's diagnosis that a child had measles in the past is no longer valid as proof of immunity. Records must also show that the child has received a minimum of four doses of diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine. One of the four doses must have been administered on or after the child's fourth birthday. In addition, the child's records should show vaccines for rubella and mumps and a minimum of three doses of oral polio vaccine. One of three doses must have been administered on or after the child's fourth birthday.

Parents must provide English translation of medical records that are printed in a foreign language. Parents can obtain necessary immunizations from their family doctor, the Newark Division of Health or at designated school sites during the week of September 13-17. For further information on designated immunization sites call 733-7151.

Breakfast and lunch programs are available for all students. Breakfast is free to all students and is served between

7:30 and 8:30 a.m. Free and reduced lunch plans are provided based on family income. Applications for the lunch program will be available at each school. For

additional information on registration, parents can contact their neighborhood school or call the Newark Board of Education at 733-6730.

## Registration for after school program

**EAST ORANGE**—The East Orange After School Program will begin on Monday, September 13, 1993 at the Fellowship Civic Center. The program will be held Monday through Friday from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and is open to youngsters between the ages of six and 12 years.

The program provides tutoring, recreational activities, arts and crafts, and movies. All children participating in the program will receive free dinner provided by the New Jersey Child Nutrition Program.

## Youths hold benefit concert

**EAST ORANGE**—The Youth at Elmwood Presbyterian Church presents a benefit concert featuring acclaimed storytellers Linda Goss and Temujin, on Friday, September 10, 1993 at 7:30 PM. The storytellers will present a program of African and African-American Folklore from traditional legends and tales.

Linda Goss, is one of the leading experts on storytelling in the United States. She is co-author of The Baby Leaped Book and cassette tapes, Talk That Talk: An Anthology of African-American Storytelling. She has been featured on The Today Show, in The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Philadelphia Inquirer and Es-

sence Magazine.

This event will enable our youth to participate in the Church's Capital Campaign Drive to acquire expanded facilities. Elmwood Church is an important part of our community and continues to touch the lives of others through its ministries—evangelism, outreach, and educational programs for youth. For information, please call (201) 678-0055, 672-6222 or 678-2083.

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## Religious Calendar

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

**NEWARK-INTERFAITH Expo** will bring up chairs for the Gospel Choir Fest, at a kick-off reception at 5:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. at the Robert Treat Hotel, 50 Park Plaza. For further information on Choir Fest, Interfaith Pageant and view space call 1-800-324-0921 or 201-732-6002.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

**PLAINFIELD-The Rose of Sharon** Folk Guild presents "La Laine After Bout," 10:00 a.m. at 625 W. 7th Street, Unit 100. \$7. For further information contact J. Roach at 561-6594, J. Johnson at 763-2455, or S. Lattimore at 561-7543.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

**The Concord Singers**, a community men and women's choral group, will begin rehearsals for their winter season on September 13, 1993 at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church 587 Springfield Avenue, Summit. New members are welcomed, no auditions, but previous choral experience is required. For further information call 508-273-3677.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

**DUNELLEN-The Dunellen United Methodist Church** is seeking artists and crafters for its 10th annual Fall Arts and Crafts Show. Tables are \$15 and are provided. Other extras are a lunch counter featuring homemade soups, salads and sandwiches, and a bake sale. For more information call 908-755-8252.

## String band festival comes to Plainfield

**PLAINFIELD-A Festival of String Band and Hammered Dulcimers**, featuring Walt Michael & Company string band, plus the duo of Lucille Reilly, and Roberto Truscillo Bedor, will take place on Sunday, October 3, at First Unitarian Society of Plainfield from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Walt Michael & Company are known for performances on NPR's "Prairie Home Companion," NBC's "Tonight Show," at bluegrass and folk festivals around the world, including Lincoln Center and Waterloo Village, and at the closing ceremonies of the 13th Winter Olympics. Playing hammered dulcimer, two fiddles and string bass, they combine traditional bluegrass with folk, Celtic

and gospel music.

Reilly on hammered dulcimer, autoharp and recorder, and Bedor on piano and oboe, provide "electrifying" country music of New England, Cape Breton and the British Isles. The Fest will also include Arts and Crafts tables, food and refreshments, and a display of weaving by Anne Travis.

This benefit for The Friends of Music takes place at 724 Park Avenue, Plainfield, 1/2 block south of 7th Avenue. Participants are invited to jam with the performers from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Donation is \$10, with children under age 11 admitted free. For further information and directions, call (908) 754-0783.

**UMDNJ Sponsors Health Fair**

**NEWARK-UMDNJ** will hold a free health fair Wednesday, September 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at its Newark campus to mark September as Minority Health Month.

The fair, to feature a variety of free health screenings, exhibits, hand-outs and entertainment, will be held in the courtyard of the UMDNJ Medical Science Building on 12th Avenue, Newark. More than 20 health and human service agencies are expected to participate in the event.

Films on a variety of health-related topics will run continuously in the Cellars Room throughout the day, lunch will be provided for student groups and the sponsors will distribute nutritious snacks.

Corporations and non-profit organizations may obtain information occupying a booth or presenting an exhibit at the fair by calling the BCC at 201-982-5529. There is no charge for attending or participating in the event.

**Health Briefs**

**An Answer To Aids Prevention: Talk To Your Children:** A two-year study by the Congressional Select Committee on Children, Youth and Families found that between 1983 and 1991, AIDS cases among 13-24 year olds increased 68%. While African-American and Hispanic kids make up only 15% and 12% of the U.S. population between the ages of 13 and 19, they comprise 37% and 19%, respectively, of AIDS cases in these age groups. A slight dip in the numbers appeared in the 1992 Centers for Disease Control reports, but that decrease was primarily due to a reduction in AIDS transmission through blood transfusions. Heterosexual transmission among kids is still increasing.

Health educators and experts are not surprised by the numbers. The problem is clear. Public service messages that ask teens to abstain from sex, postpone sexual activity or use condoms are not getting through. Many teens also have misconceptions about how to protect themselves from HIV. Experts think that one-on-one counseling, and education at an early age among young people is the answer. Parents looking for information on how to discuss AIDS with their children can call The Sex Information and Education Council of the U.S. at 212-613-8770. For copies of the Congressional study, call The House Documents Room at 202/225-3456 and ask for "House Report 102-074."

**Slight Saving Advice For Diabetics:** One of the most debilitating effects of diabetes is blindness, even though treatments for this complication are 95% effective. The key to receiving treatment is obtaining a dilated eye exam at least once a year to detect developing vision problems if you have the disease. African-Americans and Hispanics are 55% more likely to get diabetes than Whites, and studies show that Native Americans are ten times more likely to develop the disease (American Diabetes Association Fact sheet 1992). For more information on the recommendations, call the National Eye Institute at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, MD, 301/496-4000.

**Folic Acid can Prevent Neural Tube Defects in Infants:** Pregnant women can greatly reduce the possibility of neural tube birth defects (NTDs) like spina bifida, in their unborn children by simply taking a daily dose of a multi-vitamin containing 0.4 milligrams folic acid in the month before conception, or within the first month of pregnancy. Folic acid is also abundant in certain fortified breakfast cereals and leafy, dark-green vegetables. The dose reduced the risk of NTD's by approximately 60% in a recent study. For more information contact: Martha M. Weiler, Sc.D., Boston University School of Medicine, Brookline, MA 01734-6006.

# Former NNPA President Dies

**CHICAGO**—Past president of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), C. C. Dejoie, Jr., died on August 18 of natural causes at his home in New Orleans, Louisiana. He was 79.

At the time of his death, Mr. Dejoie was publisher and president of the 68-year-old newspaper, The Louisiana Weekly. He is survived by his wife, Julia Belden Dejoie, a son, Michael Dejoie, of Atlanta, Georgia, and a brother, Henry B. Dejoie, Sr., of New Orleans.

Mr. Dejoie was first introduced to the world of newspaper publishing when his dad, and namesake, Constant C. Dejoie, Sr., a Haitian immigrant, started The Louisiana Weekly in 1925. C.C. Jr. was just 11 years-old. But, that early exposure apparently influenced him to make a life-long commitment to the Black Press.

Young Dejoie was born and raised in New Orleans and decided to settle there. However, during his formative years, he received part of his early and post-secondary education outside of the area. He attended school in Chicago, and after graduation from high school, Dejoie first attended Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, then transferred to Talladega College, in Alabama, where he earned a bachelor's degree, in 1937. From there, Dejoie enrolled in graduate school at the University of Michigan, earning a Master of Arts degree in Journalism, in 1938.

Mr. Dejoie's professional newspaper career began and ended at the same place, The Louisiana Weekly. After completing graduate school, he returned to work at the family business in New Orleans.

Between 1938 and 1970, Mr. Dejoie performed in different capacities—reporter, community liaison, and editor. At the death of his father, C. C. Dejoie, Sr., in 1970, the young Dejoie became publisher and co-owner of the newspaper with a sister and brother, until 1986, when he gained complete operational control. In 1973, Mr. Dejoie received the Gulf Oil Company's coveted "Publisher of the Year" trophy, presented at the National Newspaper Publishers Association's convention. As a member of the NNPA, Mr. Dejoie served on a number of committees. And, as a result of his active participation in the NNPA, he attended the group's meetings with U.S. Presidents Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman and Dwight Eisenhower.

In 1954 and 1955, Mr. Dejoie was president of the NNPA—popularly known as the "Black Press of America"—during which time he "effectively guided the organization through those lean and pivotal years of the Eisenhower administration. Other memberships include Amalgamated Publisher's, Inc., Louisiana Press Association, Better Business Bureau of New Orleans, New Orleans Chamber of Commerce, NAACP, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the Bunch Club.

Mr. Dejoie was a board member of Liberty Bank and Trust Company of New Orleans and the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He was also a 33rd Degree Prince Hall Mason and retired member of the Orleans Parish Jury commission.

Funeral services were held on August 23, at Congressional United Church of Christ. His body was entombed at the Mt. Olivet Mausoleum.

**September is Minority Health Month, stay healthy and happy.**

## Free required immunizations for infants and children

**NEWARK**—Officials of the Newark Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently announced that the agency is offering free vaccination shots, which started in August, and will continue, through September Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The shots will be given at the HHS, located at 110 William Street.

Claude Wallace, manager of the HHS Division of Community Health, said parents are asked to bring their children's immunization records, surprise gifts, will be given to the first 100 participants. The shots are mandatory for children entering the Newark school system, and advised for even younger children.

"Many parents think that children do not need vaccinations until they are ready to enter school," Wallace said. "That is not true. Children need to get immunized when they are babies, the vaccinations should start at two months of age, and be completed by the time they are two years old. The shots are vital to the youngsters' total health care."

Bohi Ruffin, HHS director, agreed. "Without vaccinations, children can catch diseases that can cause fevers, heart problems and other serious illnesses. I encourage all Newark parents to take advantage of this opportunity to protect the health of their children." For details, please contact the HHS office at 733-7380.



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

**NEWARK**—Ruben's restaurant and supper club located at 21 Court St. presents a night of soul filling music with Hunter Hayes. For further information call 201-242-8300

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

**EDISON, NJ**—The Middlesex County College Performing Arts Department will hold open auditions for "Streamers," from 3 to 5 p.m. at the College's Studio Theater. For more info, call 908-506-2596 or 908-548-6000, ext. 3411.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12THRU OCTOBER 10

**WOODBURGE**—The American Artists Performing Arts Department will hold an open state juried Art Exhibition at the Barron Arts Center. Gallery hours are weekdays 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Sundays 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For further information call 908-634-0413.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

**NEW YORK**—Jazz Talk at the Lincoln Center Terrace Blanchard and Roy Hargrove discuss the fine art of jazz composition at 6:30 p.m. For tickets call 212-721-6500.

**ATLANTIC CITY**—Bally's Grand presents "Legends In Concert," one of the most popular and successful shows featuring stars like Frank Sinatra, Tina Turner, Prince, and many more. For tickets call 1-800-736-1420.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

**NEWARK**—Ruben's restaurant and supper club presents a Super Jam Session with Buddy Terry. For more information call 201-242-8300.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

**HOLMDEL**—The Sixth Annual Festival of the Arts & Heritage of African Americans will be held at the Garden State Arts Center, from 10 to 6 p.m.

**NEW YORK**—The Newark Museum will be giving a trip to Storm King Art Center in Mountainville. The bus departs from the Museum's Penny Lane Parking lot at 9 a.m. For more info, call 201-596-6550.

SEPT. 18 & 19

**MORRISTOWN**—The 4th Morristown Contemporary Craft Show will be at the G. Mennen Arena, 161 East Hanover Ave., Morristown, NJ, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is \$5. Children under 10 are admitted free. For more info, call 914-355-2400 or 201-326-7651.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

**NEW YORK**—Terence Blanchard Quintet/Roy Hargrove Quintet will perform at the Lincoln Center, in the Alice Tully Hall at 8 p.m. For ticket info, call 212-721-6500.

THRU SEPTEMBER 30

**NEW YORK**—A Summer Full of Jazz at The New York Public Library for the Performing Arts, located at 40 Lincoln Center Plaza. For information call 212-870-1630, admission is free.

# CITY LIFE

## The 'Scoop'

by Janice Malone

A "temp" gig? Arsenio Hall will take on a role of "Mr. Ed"—as in "Mr. Editor!" Self-magazine will have the dubious distinction of having Arsenio as a guest editor for its December issue. There will be an eight-page layout featuring fashions Mr. Hall has personally selected, in which he finds flattering on women and likes to see them wear.

Name that bridge: The Godfather of Soul, James Brown, recently had a bridge named after him. The bridge isn't exactly "in the hood," though. It's located in the posh ski resort town of Steamboat Springs, Colorado, where nearly everything is white—including the snow.

Ice house for sale: The "word" is in on the real estate world, now ex-rapper, Vanilla Ice, has his north Dallas area home up for sale. If you've got \$499,000 in spare change, you can buy "Nilla's" four-bedroom, four-and-a-half bathroom domicile, which has 5,170 square feet in space.

And, where's Nilla these days? Super/Scoop/Sources (S/S/S) report that he's now living in Miami. WARNING: WARNING: WARNING! — It's said that he's recording a rock music album! To further speak of warning bulletins, get this: S/S/S report that actress Brooke Shields is reportedly recording an R&B music album! Just because one of her best friends is black, let's not get carried away Brooke.

Help wanted? Believe it or not, but there's yet another TV talk show that will be emanating out of Chicago. And, get this, S/S/S say that as many as five of Oprah Winfrey's top-level staffers have reportedly left the show queen's staff to go work for this new show!

Shop talk: While most of their fans are shelling out big bucks trying to dress in the style of their favorite stars, the stars are now shopping in outlet malls. "All My Children's" Susan Lucci (Erika Caine) and Dr. Joyce Brothers and even super model Christy Brinkley, have all been spotted shopping at outlet stores in upstate New York. And, country western idol Billy Ray Cyrus was seen buying boots in a

bargain store in Dalton, Georgia. And, rock star John Mellencamp is a regular customer at the J. Crew outlet store in Hilton Head, South Carolina.

Like father, like son? Check out Levert's latest album, "FOR REAL THO." Lead singer Gerald Levert reminisces about how he and brother Sean and third member Marc Gordon first began making music. "Our mother's a Jehovah Witness and she went to the same Kingdom Hall as Marc's mother..." recalls Gerald. "After church we'd all go home and just write songs... Sometimes, when I work with my dad (O'Jays Eddie Levert) in the studio, I'm kinda nervous. It's like: 'Hey, this is my dad in here!' But, one day he said to me, 'Look son, you're the producer, so do your job!' So, I said, 'Okay, dad, you sound terrible! So, let's fix it!' I was just kidding, but fortunately, my dad respects me totally as a producer."

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## Only sisters can do that

LOS ANGELES—The Pointer Sisters have two new reasons to be excited, sister Ruth Pointer (at the age of 47) recently gave birth to healthy twins through an artificial insemination procedure. Interestingly, Ruth is also a grandmother, as well as the mother of a 27 year-old son and 28 year-old daughter.

Making her first appearance on live television since the birth of her twins via satellite from Massachusetts on the "John and Lesza show", Ruth was overwhelmed with excitement when her sisters June & Anita surprised her by appearing live on the show from Hollywood. Through the wonders of satellite technology, this was the first time that both sisters got their first glimpse of the

twins—Ali and Conor.

"She probably would have had the babies during a drum solo if we didn't pull her off the stage," laughs June, but on a more serious note, Anita added "She's an incredibly brave woman and we deeply admire her...only our sister could have done this!" When questioned as to why she decided to have another baby at this point in her life, Ruth responded... "because it's 1993 and I can. Up until now, I've been a single parent. I wanted the opportunity to raise my children in a family environment, and thanks to modern technology, I can." The Pointer Sisters' new SBK/ERG album, "Only Sisters Can Do That", will be out in late October.

## Sixth Annual African American festival of the arts

NEWARK—Mayor Sharpe James recently announced his support for the Sixth Annual, Festival of the Arts and Heritage of African Americans, scheduled for September 18, 1993 at the Garden State Arts Center in Holmdel, New Jersey.

The 1993 celebration features arts and craft, delicious ethnic foods, singers, Kente and African fabrics, Gospel and a wide range of Afrocentric music, storytelling and games for children.

Ronald Mathis, the festival's General Chair, said that plans are going well for what the committee believes will be their "biggest and best celebration ever!" "I see this year's event

attracting more than 20,000 people, making it the largest Afrocentric celebration in the state."

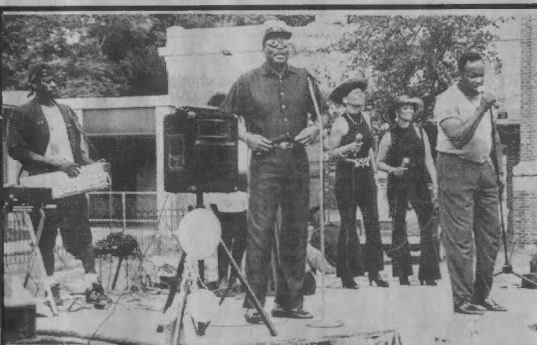
Mayor James agreed. "The 1993 festival looks to be a great expression of ethnic pride and education for people of all ages, races and nationalities. I strongly urge all Newark and New Jersey citizens to attend this unique celebration of Black culture and heritage."

Committee member Julian Robinson, a commissioner on the Garden State Parkway Authority, added, "Our planning meetings have gone well, and many of the performers, vendors and volunteers have already been secured. However, there

is always room for other committed people who want to make the 1993 festival a huge success." The festival will also feature fashion shows, rappers, dancers and other attractions.

Proceeds from the celebration will provide college scholarships for graduating high school seniors and benefit senior citizens, school children and the economically disadvantaged. Some of the recipients are currently attending Brown University, Florida A&M University, Emerson College, Hampton University, William Paterson College and the University of Virginia. For ticket information, please call, (908) 752-3588.

## Cool music at outdoor concert



ORANGE—Hunter Hayes and Sam Singleton joined by Honey Love performed at the Orange outdoor summer music concert series. (Front L-R) Sam Singleton, Hunter Hayes, (back L-R) Winston Sims, Fonda Simmons, (partially hidden), Linden Jones-Bell, and Eunice Peterson.

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# CITY BUSINESS

## Business Calendar

### SEPTEMBER 8-10

NEW ORLEANS, LA. - National Minority Supplier Development Council Business Fair at the Louisiana Superdome. For info call Gulf Coast Minority Purchasing Council at 504-523-7110.

### SEPTEMBER 11

MINNEAPOLIS, MN. - National Minority Supplier Development Council Business Fair at the Minneapolis Convention Center. For info call Minnesota Minority Purchasing Council at 612-378-0361.

### SEPTEMBER 13-15

NEW YORK - The American Management Association course entitled "Management Skills for Executive Secretaries & Administrative Assistants," an advanced course. For more info call 516-891-0366.

### SEPTEMBER 15-19

WASHINGTON, DC. - Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. 23rd Annual Legislative Weekend at the Washington Convention Center. Theme: "Generations: Celebrating the Legacy of African American Leadership." Friday: Spouses' Fashion Show and Benefit Concert. Saturday: Prayer Breakfast, CBC Spouses' Luncheon Fashion Show, Saturday Annual Awards Dinner. For information call 202-675-6735.

### SEPTEMBER 16-17

ATLANTA, GA. - National Minority Supplier Development Council Business Fair at the Georgia Convention Center. For info call Georgia Minority Supplier Development Council at 404-491-4851.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

MERCER COUNTY - "How to Buy Local Tax Liens That Earn 18% at Mercer County College. For conservative investors looking for alternatives to low-yielding traditional opportunities. Call 0-700-TAX-LIEN for course info and schedule update.

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## State's workers annual wages up seven percent in 1992

TRENTON—The New Jersey Department of Labor recently reported the average annual wage for workers in New Jersey rose seven percent in 1992 to \$32,073, with every county reporting an increase. The 1992 rate outpaced the State's 3.4 percent gain in 1991, and topped the average annual increase of 6.3 percent recorded over the past ten years.

Department analysts cautioned that year-to-year changes in the average annual wage, which is calculated using the wages of workers covered by unemployment insurance, do not necessarily represent the experience of any individual worker, nor are they solely the result of regular pay increases. Many factors play a role in influencing the average wage, analysts said, including changing levels of overtime or wage bonuses, changes in the number of part-time jobs, changes in the length of job tenure, and changing industry composition and occupational staffing patterns.

In addition, while New Jersey's 1992 average wage was lower than that of New York (\$32,415), it was higher than Delaware (\$26,596) and Pennsylvania (\$25,785). Over-the-year wage increases for those states were 8.0 percent, 3.7 percent and 5.7 percent, respectively.

Within the State, the largest percentage gains occurred in Salem County, where wages rose by over nine percent from 1991, due in part to an influx of higher-paying engineering jobs, and significant wage increases in the wholesale trade and the communications and public utilities divisions.

The smallest gains—3.4 and 3.6 percent—occurred in Sussex and Cape May Counties. Over 60 percent of the jobs in these two counties are in the retail and service divisions.

### Career services program for alumni

SOUTH ORANGE—Career Services at Stonn Hall University has expanded its staff to include consulting for alumni. The new Career Services Program for Alumni reflects the expressed needs of the diverse alumni population.

where small wage increases prevailed. Pay levels during 1992 were highest in Morris and Somerset Counties, the Department reported. In those counties, private sector wages averaged over \$37,000 per year, partially due to a higher than state concentration of jobs in the health care, manufacturing, communications, public utilities and finance, insurance, and real estate divisions.

The lowest private sector average wage of \$18,802 was paid in Cape May County, the majority of jobs there are in service and retail trade geared toward the summer vacation season.

For the private sector only, 1992 wages averaged \$31,683, up 6.9 percent from 1991. Among major industry divisions, the wholesale trade sector paid the highest wage (\$40,497). Other divisions where annual wages exceeded \$35,000 were finance, insurance, real estate, manufacturing, transportation, communications, public utilities, and construction. Lowest average wages were paid in retail trade, where many jobs are part time.

Annual average wages were up over 13 percent between 1991 and 1992 in the finance, insurance, real estate sector, where holding and other investment offices and security and commodity brokers each posted gains of more than 20 percent over 1991.

Other sectors with higher-than-average wage increases were wholesale trade (8.3 percent), manufacturing (7.7 percent), and total government (7.4 percent). For the second year in a row, construction was the sector with the smallest gain. The Department's figures are based on reports submitted by employers covered by both Federal and State unemployment insurance programs.

In New Jersey, approximately 34 million workers are covered. Labor Commissioner Ray Bramucci called

the wage increase information "good news for every working man and woman in New Jersey. When pay

increases outstrip inflation, that leaves more money for people to save or spend. It's a healthy sign for our

economy—one that proves that if you're working in New Jersey, you're probably being paid pretty well."

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

#### NEWARK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT GROUND ACCESS AUTOMATED PEOPLE MOVER-NORTHEAST CORRIDOR CONNECTION PROJECT (NEWARK AIRPORT APM-NEC CORRIDOR CONNECTION PROJECT)

#### SCOPING OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is inviting the public to two scoping meetings to introduce the Newark International Airport Ground Access Project. The purpose of the meetings is to receive public comments on the proposed alternatives and appropriate scope of work for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey's Newark Airport APM-NEC Connection Project. The project is designed to improve access to and from the Airport for both air passengers and airport employees.

Alternatives to be evaluated in the EIS include construction of a rail station, on or contiguous to the Amtrak/NJ Transit Northeast Corridor rail line, and extension of the Automated People Mover system that is currently under construction in the airport terminal area. Other alternatives that have been identified to date include a Transportation Systems Management option and a "no action" alternative.

The public scoping meetings are being held to present the proposed alternatives for implementation of the project and to provide the public with the opportunity to identify additional issues and concerns for consideration in the EIS process. Representatives of the regulatory agencies responsible for reviewing the EIS have been invited to the meetings to hear the concerns of the general public. Any pertinent questions, comments or data presented— orally or in writing—will be addressed in the EIS. The meetings will be held at the following locations:

#### NEWARK:

Monday, September 13, 1993

Meeting Begins at 3:00 p.m.

Rutgers University - Newark Campus

Robeson Center

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350 Martin Luther King Boulevard

#### ELIZABETH:

Tuesday, September 14, 1993

Meeting Begins at 3:00 p.m.

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Speaker registration for each meeting opens at 2:00 p.m. and closes at 8:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting; the meetings will continue until the last registered speaker has been heard. Oral comments will be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker. Written statements for the record may be submitted at the meetings, or mailed to Anthony P. Spera, FAA, AEA-610, Fitzgerald Federal Building, JFK International Airport, Jamaica, NY 11430 on or before September 24, 1993.

Persons requiring assistance for the hearing impaired at the meetings should call Mr. Spera at (718) 553-1245, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., no later than September 9, 1993.

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**INVITATION TO BID**

Asbury Park Housing and Urban Development Agency, Removal of Oil Tank at Boston Way Village, Asbury Park, NJ 07712  
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park for Removal of Oil Tank at Boston Village, Asbury Park until 10:00 a.m., Monday, September 20, 1993, at its offices at 1000 1/2 Third Avenue, Asbury Park, N.J. 07712 at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids must be on standard proposal forms in the manner designated and required by the specifications, must be enclosed in sealed envelopes bearing the name and address of the bidder and the name of the project to be bid, and must be addressed to the Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park and must be accompanied by the following:

Agreement of Surety (consent of surety) in which the surety company agrees to post a performance bond in the amount of the contract to be posted.  
Bid bond or certified check to the order of the Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park in the amount of ten (10) percent of the total amount of the bid. All required funds must be filed out in the entirety and submitted at the time of the bid opening.  
Non-Calculation affidavit or a duly acknowledged ownership of 10 percent or more of the stock of the bidder or corporation or bidder's partnership pursuant to P.L. 1977 c. 33.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirement of Public Law PL 1975 c. 127 relating to affirmative action requirements of the State of New Jersey as set forth in Executive Order # 11246 entitled "equal employment opportunities" 11375 and submitted in compliance with the Department of Labor's regulations. The successful bidder shall also be required to comply with the New Jersey Wage Act, Chapter 150 of the title and federal minimum wages and regulations as set forth in the laws and the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Work shall be completed within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of notice to proceed.

The Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in bids when such action is deemed to be in the best interest of the Authority. Said documents for the proposed work can be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, 229 River Avenue, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ 07712. Tel # 908-899-0999 by depositing a certified check for \$25.00 for each set of documents so obtained. Such deposit will be non-refundable to non-bidders and non-qualified bidders. Bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 20, 1993. No bids may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days subsequent to the opening of bids without consent of the Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park.

9-9-93

KENNETH E. NIXON, JR.  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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NOTICE**

**MORRISTOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY**

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**NJ23-1, CLYDE POTTS DRIVE (CIAP 912)**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Housing Authority of the Town of Morristown, New Jersey, at the Administrative Office of the Authority located at 51 Early Street, Morristown, NJ on September 22, 1993 at 10:00 a.m., providing the bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on September 22, 1993 at the Administrative Office. The Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities in bids and to reject any and all bids if it is in the best interest of the Authority to do so. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on September 17, 1993 at the Administrative Office.  
Separate sealed bids for: Construction of a 10,000 S.F. Community/Resident Center at NJ 23-1, Clyde Potts Drive, Morristown.

All work includes incidental thereto, in accordance with specifications prepared by Karpis/Kopeloff Architects, Inc., 1000 Morris Avenue, Suite 201, Springfield, NJ 07081, and Tighe/Toft and Carino Engineers (Mr. Matthew Mitchell - 201-348-1607).

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or Bid Bond in the following amounts:

BIDS	AMOUNT
up to \$200,000	10%
\$200,000 - \$400,000	\$20,000
over \$400,001	5%

Bids must be accompanied by consent surety regardless of whether a check or Bid Bond is submitted. All Bonds and consent of Surety must be written by Surety Companies listed in the most recent Circular No. 570, United States Department of the Treasury.

The Contract Documents are on file and may be examined at the Administrative Office of the Authority. Copies of the Contract Documents may also be obtained at said offices upon payment by check or bank draft in the amount of \$50.00 payable to the "Morristown Housing Authority" for each set. DOCUMENTS WILL NOT BE MAILED. PAYMENT FOR DOCUMENTS IS NON-REFUNDABLE.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish an acceptable Performance and Labor and Material payment bond, written by a surety listed in the most recent Circular No. 570, United States Department of the Treasury, as the Authority may prescribe and with such surety as they approve.

All Bidders must be authorized to do business in New Jersey. Any bidder which is a corporation not chartered under the laws of the State of New Jersey, must submit an affidavit certifying that said corporation is authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of Public Law 1975, c. 127 which pertains to "Non-Discrimination" and "Affirmative Actions," and Public Law 1977, c. 33, which requires a Statement of Ownership.

9-9-93 & 9-15-93

LAWRENCE R. JACKSON  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

**COMPUTER SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE**

The Housing Authority of the City of Passaic hereby requests proposals for an on site covered Maintenance Agreement for our Computer Systems for a term of two years commencing January 1, 1994. The proposal must be submitted by September 15, 1993. Specifications which set forth the requirements of the service agreement and equipment to be covered are available Monday through Friday at the Administrative Office, 330 Passaic Street, Passaic, New Jersey from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. or by calling (201) 965-547. Proposals must be submitted to the attention of the Authority by 12:00 noon Friday, October 1, 1993. No late proposals will be accepted.

G.M. RUSSANO  
PURCHASING AGENT

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**CHANGE IN THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD'S RESIDENTIAL CURB-SIDE RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE**

WHEREAS, the City of Plainfield is planning to establish and implement a separate Recycling program in accordance with the Mandatory State Wide Source Separation and Recycling Act of 1987, N.J.S.A. 13:18-99.1 et seq; and

WHEREAS, Plainfield is obligated to establish an efficient, cost-effective and comprehensive city-wide program to obtain at least a sixty (60%) percent recycling goal for all solid waste generated in Plainfield, in line with and as set forth in County and State official policy and plans; and

BE ADVISED THAT, effective August 15, 1993, the Plainfield City Council and the Mayor have authorized and executed a three year service contract with the Plainfield and West Corporation, Inc. which is on file with the City Clerk; and

BE ADVISED THAT, effective October 1, 1993, PIM will replace Advanced Recycling Technology Systems as the Service of the existing outside recycling program which consist of a bi-weekly outside pickup of designated recyclable materials;

BE ADVISED THAT, under the new program schedule Plainfield will be divided into two sections - West and East - using Park Avenue as the dividing line. The uniform pickup day for Plainfield shall be Tuesday, using alternating weeks for each section. The first scheduled pickup for the West section will be Tuesday, October 5, 1993 and the first scheduled pickup for the East section would be on Tuesday, October 12, 1993. Subsequently, the next pickup for the West section would be on Tuesday, October 19, 1993, and the next pickup for the East section would be on Tuesday, October 26, 1993, and continue thereafter alternating from week to week on such dates as the service is expanded; and

BE ADVISED THAT, during the transition, if residents experience collection difficulties, the Rock Avenue Transfer Station located at 85 Rock Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey, will be available as an alternative drop-off site for residential recyclable materials from Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. from October 19 to December 1993; and

BE ADVISED THAT, for information concerning details of the new recycling program, call the Recycling Coordinator, Department of Public Works and Urban Development, at 753-3375, and 0930-0001, 1, 993, for service related questions and/or complaints or missed pickups, call PIM's Telephone Complaint/Hotline direct at 757-7200.

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KENNETH E. NIXON, JR.  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR**

**THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SALEM**

The Housing Authority of the City of Salem: 205 Seventh Street, Salem, New Jersey 08070, is soliciting bids for the replacement of storm water drainage piping at its Salem Garden Court Development.

The Housing Authority of the City of Salem, State of New Jersey. The Awarding Authority (hereafter referred to as "Owner") will receive sealed bids for this work located at Salem Garden Court, City of Salem, in accordance with Contract Documents prepared together with such addenda as may be issued prior to the date of receipt of bids.

Generally, the work shall include: The replacement of selected storm water drainage piping and the restoration of disturbed areas at the Salem Garden Court Development.

Bids will be received and publicly opened by the Owner on Friday, September 24, 1993, at 10:00 a.m., prevailing time at the Offices of The Housing Authority of the City of Salem, located at 205 Seventh Street, Salem, New Jersey 08070. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of 60 days subsequent to the bid opening date without the consent of the Housing Authority of the City of Salem.

Sealed proposals for a single, overall contract for General Construction, covering all trades, will be received for all labor and materials to complete the project. Bidders and the successful Contractor and his subcontractors will be required to comply with Affirmative Action Regulations of the State of New Jersey, stipulated in N.J.S.A. 10-5-31-38, and to comply with Chapter 33 of the Public Laws of 1977 and with the requirements of Public Law of 1975, Chapter 127.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informality in any bid or bids, to reject any and all bids, and to accept such bid or bids and to make such awards as may be in the best interest of the Owner.

Bid proposals must be submitted as directed by the Specifications, in a sealed envelope, addressed to the Owner. Envelopes shall, on the exterior, be designated as to the Contract for which the proposal is entered, and the name and address of the Bidder.

Each bid proposal shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond issued by a Surety Company licensed to do business in New Jersey which is listed in U.S. Treasury Circular No. 570, or by a certified check in the amount called for in the specifications. The Housing Authority of the City of Salem, Proposals must also be accompanied by the affidavits, etc., referred to in the Instructions to Bidders in the Specifications. Regardless of whether the Bid Bond or certified check is submitted for proposal guarantee, each bidder shall submit a consent of surety also from a Surety Company licensed to do business in New Jersey which is listed in U.S. Treasury Circular No. 570, stating that it will issue the necessary payment and performance bond should the bidder enter into contract for this work with the Housing Authority of the City of Salem.

The Drawings, Specifications, Form of Proposal, Contract Forms, and any Addenda and Modifications describing the Work will be on file and may be examined at the offices of the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the City of Salem. Complete Construction Documents may also be obtained at the Housing Authority for a NON-refundable deposit of Fifty dollars (\$50.00) per set. Documents will be mailed at a cost of \$20.00 per set.

The site will generally be available for inspection from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, with the Owner, telephone: (609) 353-5022. When calling please ask for the maintenance supervisor. A 24-hr. notice is required to arrange a site visit. No pre-bid meeting will be held.

Prospective bidders are hereby informed that not less than the minimum prevailing wage rates as required by HUD shall be paid on this project. The Bidder must submit with his Bid a notarized affidavit listing all persons owning ten percent (10%) or more of the stock in the corporation submitting the bid, complete with addresses. The successful Bidder will be required to obtain a Payment and Performance Bond for the full amount of the Contract, as defined from a Surety Company licensed to do business in New Jersey and listed in U.S. Treasury Circular No. 570.

This project is being executed with funds provided by the U.S. Government through the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

9-9-93

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR**

**THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SALEM**

The Housing Authority of the City of Salem: 205 Seventh Street, Salem, New Jersey 08070, is soliciting bids for a Maintenance Facility located at its West Side Court Development.

The Housing Authority of the City of Salem, State of New Jersey. The Awarding Authority (hereafter referred to as "Owner") will receive sealed bids for this work located at Salem Garden Court, City of Salem, in accordance with Contract Documents prepared together with such addenda as may be issued prior to the date of receipt of bids.

Generally, the work shall include: The addition of a Maintenance building facility to an existing community building located at the Authority's West Side Court Development.

Bids will be received and publicly opened by the Owner on Friday, September 24, 1993, at 10:00 a.m., prevailing time at the Offices of The Housing Authority of the City of Salem, located at 205 Seventh Street, Salem, New Jersey 08070. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of 60 days subsequent to the bid opening date without the consent of the Housing Authority of the City of Salem.

Sealed proposals for a single, overall contract for General Construction, covering all trades, will be received for all labor and materials to complete the project. Bidders and the successful Contractor and his subcontractors will be required to comply with Affirmative Action Regulations of the State of New Jersey, stipulated in N.J.S.A. 10-5-31-38, and to comply with Chapter 33 of the Public Laws of 1977 and with the requirements of Public Law of 1975, Chapter 127.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informality in any bid or bids, to reject any and all bids, and to accept such bid or bids and to make such awards as may be in the best interest of the Owner.

Bid proposals must be submitted as directed by the Specifications, in a sealed envelope, addressed to the Owner. Envelopes shall, on the exterior, be designated as to the Contract for which the proposal is entered, and the name and address of the Bidder.

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Prospective bidders are hereby informed that not less than the minimum prevailing wage rates as required by HUD shall be paid on this project. The Bidder must submit with his Bid a notarized affidavit listing all persons owning ten percent (10%) or more of the stock in the corporation submitting the bid, complete with addresses. The successful Bidder will be required to obtain a Payment and Performance Bond for the full amount of the Contract, as defined from a Surety Company licensed to do business in New Jersey and listed in U.S. Treasury Circular No. 570.

This project is being executed with funds provided by the U.S. Government through the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PLAINFIELD**

The Housing Authority of Plainfield is requesting proposals from qualified Independent Auditors (IA) licensed in the State of New Jersey, to perform a comprehensive financial audit for the 12 month period ended December 31, 1992, for the Supplemental Fund compliance with the Single Audit Act of 1984. Independent Auditors must submit proposals for both audits advertised herein to comply with the Single Audit Act of 1984. Any qualified Independent Auditor interested, please contact Mr. Joseph J. Russo, Controller of the Housing Authority of Plainfield office, telephone number (908) 753-3747 to obtain the proposal and scope of service. Proposals will be received up to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17, 1993, 510 East Front Street, Plainfield, NJ 07060.

Proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the proposal package.

The Authority reserves the right to reject any and all proposals submitted and to waive any informalities thereto, and to request additional information from all proposals.

The Housing Authority of Plainfield is an equal opportunity contractor.

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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR**

**THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SALEM**

The Housing Authority of the City of Salem: 205 Seventh Street, Salem, New Jersey 08070, is soliciting bids for Miscellaneous renovations at its Broadway Towers High-rise building.

The Housing Authority of the City of Salem, State of New Jersey. The Awarding Authority (hereafter referred to as "Owner") will receive sealed bids for this work located at Broadway Towers, City of Salem, in accordance with Contract Documents prepared together with such addenda as may be issued prior to the date of receipt of bids.

Generally, the work shall include: Miscellaneous Renovations at a high-rise seniors apartment building including the replacement of hot water heaters, painting of corridors and stair towers, painting of miscellaneous walls, the conversion of several apartments for use by handicapped individuals and other minor renovations.

Bids will be received and publicly opened by the Owner on Friday, September 24, 1993, at 11:00 a.m., prevailing time at the Offices of The Housing Authority of the City of Salem, located at 205 Seventh Street, Salem, New Jersey 08070. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of 60 days subsequent to the bid opening date without the consent of the Housing Authority of the City of Salem.

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The site will generally be available for inspection from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, with the Owner, telephone: (609) 353-5022. When calling please ask for the maintenance supervisor. A 24-hr. notice is required to arrange a site visit. No pre-bid meeting will be held.

Prospective bidders are hereby informed that not less than the minimum prevailing wage rates as required by HUD shall be paid on this project. The Bidder must submit with his Bid a notarized affidavit listing all persons owning ten percent (10%) or more of the stock in the corporation submitting the bid, complete with addresses. The successful Bidder will be required to obtain a Payment and Performance Bond for the full amount of the Contract, as defined from a Surety Company licensed to do business in New Jersey and listed in U.S. Treasury Circular No. 570.

This project is being executed with funds provided by the U.S. Government through the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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# Sportlight

by R.L. Greene

They haven't been forgotten. Two of the greatest teams in Black baseball history were based in Pittsburgh: the Homestead Grays and the Pittsburgh Crawfords. The Pittsburgh Pirates recently honored their on-field warriors of old who in their youth were banned from playing for the Pirates because of the color of their skin.

The Pirates henceforth will permanently display banners honoring the two Black teams in the upper deck of Three Rivers Stadium alongside the Pirates' own championship banners.

The Grays were located in the Homestead section of Pittsburgh. From 1937 until 1945, the Grays won nine consecutive Negro League titles. The Crawfords won Negro National League championships in 1933, 1935 and 1936.

Six former Negro League players -- Wilmer Fields, Robert Gaston, Harold Tinker, Bill Pope, Walter Hughes and Alvin Tompkins -- took part in the ceremony unveiling the banners and honoring those great Black baseball teams that brought honor to Pittsburgh.

The Pirates gave away souvenir posters honoring the former Negro League stars. And young fans attending a Pirates game received 15,000 replicas of the Homestead Grays caps.

Pirates publicist Jim Lachinina notes the banners not only will honor the two Negro League teams from Pittsburgh, but will assure that the accomplishments of some of the greatest teams in baseball history will not be overlooked.

One of the greatest players to wear a Pittsburgh uniform was Josh

Gibson. Surprisingly, Gibson didn't grow up playing the sport; he was more interested in swimming.

He first played baseball when he was 16 years old. Two years later, Gibson was catching for the Crawford Colored Giants of Pittsburgh, a semi-pro team, earning a few dollars a game.

The next year, in 1930, Buck Ewing, the Homestead Grays catcher, split his finger during an exhibition game. Gibson came out of the stands and became the Homestead catcher. In 1931, Gibson is credited with hitting 75 home runs, while in 1932, he and Saatchi Paige formed one of the greatest batteries of all-time for the Pittsburgh Crawfords.

"Knowing Josh Gibson, and knowing Hank Aaron and playing against him, too, I think Josh was the greatest home run hitter I ever saw," the late Roy Campanella once said. "Not taking anything away from Babe Ruth, I think Josh Gibson is the greatest home run hitter that ever lived."

Gibson now is in the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., where he belongs. He is joined there by James "Cool Papa" Bell, who also played for both the Homestead Grays and the Pittsburgh Crawfords.

While records of Black ballplayers are almost impossible to find, Bell is believed to have stolen 175 bases in 1933 and hit 480 one year.

In 1936, the Homestead Grays was considered the strongest team in the Negro leagues. Besides Gibson behind the plate, the Grays had Buck Leonard at first base and fellow slugger Sam Bankhead and Vic Harris. Leonard, also in the Hall of Fame, was considered one of the best fielding first basemen ever to play the game. In 1941, he batted .392; in 1942, he hit 42 home runs.

Another player enshrined at Cooperstown is William J. "Judy" Johnson, a third baseman who played with four Pennsylvania teams, including the Grays, Crawfords, the Hilldale Daisies and Darby Daisies.

Oscar Charleston, who played for the Crawfords, is considered one of the greatest center fielders of all time.

"When you mention baseball clubs over the years, among the first names that come up are the Homestead Grays and the Pittsburgh Crawfords," said Ted Page, who played the outfield for both teams. "Why do they mention these teams? Because they had superstars."

"From what I have seen of the Yankees of 1927 or the St. Louis Cardinals of 1934 -- the Gashouse Gang, as they called themselves -- I would say that the Pittsburgh Crawfords or the Homestead Grays would have been just as good or better. Guys like Josh Gibson, Saatchi Paige, Oscar Charleston, Judy Johnson, Rap Dixon, Jimmy Crutchfield compared with anybody on the '27 Yankees and the '34 Cardinals. Today's Pittsburgh Pirates agree."



Reginald Warren Most Worshipful Grand Master

PLAINFIELD—State of New Jersey, celebrates the 25th anniversary of the birth of Prince Hall, the founder of Black Masonry in the United States, Sunday, September 12, 1993. The public celebration will take place at the Plainfield High School, 950 Park Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey, beginning at 3:00-5:00 p.m. Mayor Mitchell and Governor Florio

will kick off festivities, the Rev. Dr. DeForest "Buster" Soars, nationally known speaker and pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens, Somerset, New Jersey, has been selected as guest speaker.

Reginald L. Warren, Most Worshipful Grand Master, states that Prince Hall and 14 other free blacks were the first men of color to be initiated into the Masonic Order in the United States by representatives of the British Grand Lodge in March, 1775. They received a permit to meet as African Lodge, No. 1, Boston, Massachusetts.

The African Grand Lodge was formed in June, 1791 by delegations from Philadelphia, Providence and New York with assistance from members of St. Andrew's Lodge, white masons in Boston. Warren added that in December of 1787, the first grand lodge of new jersey was

formed. In 1808, following the death of Prince Hall, a delegation of the three existing Grand Lodges changed their names to "Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. and A.M." as memorial to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall. The grand lodge will make presentations to Milton Campbell Olympic gold medal & decaathlon champion, Mr. Freeman Whitestone, Plainfield community activist.

Among the charitable organizations receiving donations from The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, State of New Jersey are the Morris County Neighborhood House, Shiloh Youth Development in Elizabeth, The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, State of Missouri, The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, State of Iowa, Star Fish, The Professional Education Development Corporation of Mt. Laurel, Black United Fund of New Jersey, Grant Avenue Community Center, North Hertzog, and to New Voice.

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## City distributes free commodities

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Action Services will be distributing free commodities for Plainfield residents who are pre-registered with PAS. The distribution will take place on Saturday September 18, at Hubbard High School, 661 West 8th Street, from 8:00 a.m. until supplies are exhausted or 4:00 p.m.

Agencies and associations who are registered with PAS will be

able to pick up their commodities on Friday, September 17 between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Residents must have 1993 commodities card to be eligible to receive items. For further information contact Pattie Boone at 908-753-3519.

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**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PLAINFIELD**  
The Housing Authority of Plainfield is requesting proposals from qualified independent Auditors (IA) licensed in the State of New Jersey, to perform a comprehensive financial audit for the 12 month period ended December 31, 1992. For its low-income housing programs in compliance with the Single Audit Act of 1984.

Any qualified independent Auditor interested, please contact Mr. Samuel Reyes, Comptroller, at the Housing Authority of Plainfield office, telephone number (908) 753-3477 to obtain the proposal and scope of service. Proposals will be received up to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17, 1993, at the Housing Authority of Plainfield office, 510 East Front Street, Plainfield, NJ 07060.

Proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the proposal package.

The Authority reserves the right to reject any and all proposals submitted, and to waive any informalities thereto, and to request additional information from all proposers.

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